

1. A method comprising:

receiving a control parameter that identifies electronic content in a database;

creating content objects that correspond to the electronic content; and

arranging the content objects as a three-dimensional collage.

2. The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving control parameters that identify a range and divisions to the range;

creating three-dimensional graphics objects that correspond to divisions of the range; and

arranging the three-dimensional graphics objects as the collage;

wherein arranging the content objects as the three-dimensional collage comprises positioning the content objects on the three-dimensional graphics objects.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein the range comprises a time range and the divisions of the range comprise time slices.

4. The method of claim 2, wherein the three-dimensional graphics objects are arranged according to a straight-on layout arrangement, a staggered layout arrangement, and a side-by-side layout arrangement.

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5. The method of claim 2, further comprising:
receiving a layout arrangement control parameter;
wherein the three-dimensional graphics objects are arranged in accordance with the layout arrangement control parameter.

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6. The method of claim 2, wherein at least one of the three-dimensional graphics objects includes an audio component.

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7. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
creating a three-dimensional graphics environment for the three-dimensional collage.

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8. The method of claim 1, wherein the three-dimensional collage comprises an electronic program guide that identifies shows that are broadcast at specified times.

9. A method of creating a three-dimensional collage,
comprising:

receiving control parameters;

creating content objects in accordance with at least one
5 of the control parameters;

creating three-dimensional graphics objects in accordance
with at least one of the control parameters;

arranging the three-dimensional graphics objects in
accordance with at least one of the control parameters; and

10 positioning the content objects on the three-dimensional
graphics objects.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein the control
parameters comprise parameters that identify electronic
15 content for the content objects, identify a range and
divisions to the range for the three-dimensional graphics
objects, and a layout arrangement for the three-dimensional
graphics objects.

20 11. An article comprising a machine-readable medium that
stores executable instructions to:

receive a control parameter that identifies electronic
content in a database;

create content objects that correspond to the electronic content; and

arrange the content objects as a three-dimensional collage.

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12. The article of claim 11, further comprising instructions that cause the machine to:

receive control parameters that identify a range and divisions to the range;

10 create three-dimensional graphics objects that correspond to divisions of the range; and

arrange the three-dimensional graphics objects as the collage;

15 wherein arranging the content objects as the three-dimensional collage comprises positioning the content objects on the three-dimensional graphics objects.

20 13. The article of claim 12, wherein the range comprises a time range and the divisions of the range comprise time slices.

14. The article of claim 12, wherein the three-dimensional graphics objects are arranged according to a

straight-on layout arrangement, a staggered layout arrangement, and a side-by-side layout arrangement.

15. The article of claim 12, further comprising
5 instructions that cause the machine to:
receive a layout arrangement control parameter;
wherein the three-dimensional graphics objects are
arranged in accordance with the layout arrangement control
parameter.

10 16. The article of claim 12, wherein at least one of the
three-dimensional graphics objects includes an audio
component.

15 17. The article of claim 11, further comprising
instructions that cause the machine to:
create a three-dimensional graphics environment for the
three-dimensional collage.

20 18. The article of claim 11, wherein the three-
dimensional collage comprises an electronic program guide that
identifies shows that are broadcast at specified times.

19. An article comprising a machine-readable medium that stores executable instructions to create a three-dimensional collage, the instructions causing a machine to:

receive control parameters;

5 create content objects in accordance with at least one of the control parameters;

create three-dimensional graphics objects in accordance with at least one of the control parameters;

10 arrange the three-dimensional graphics objects in accordance with at least one of the control parameters; and

position the content objects on the three-dimensional graphics objects.

20. The article of claim 19, wherein the control parameters comprise parameters that identify electronic content for the content objects, identify a range and divisions to the range for the three-dimensional graphics objects, and a layout arrangement for the three-dimensional graphics objects.

21. An apparatus comprising:

a memory that stores executable instructions; and

a processor that executes the instructions to:

receive a control parameter that identifies
electronic content in a database;

create content objects that correspond to the
electronic content; and

5 arrange the content objects as a three-dimensional
collage.

22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor
executes instructions to:

10 receive control parameters that identify a range and
divisions to the range;

create three-dimensional graphics objects that
correspond to divisions of the range; and

15 arrange the three-dimensional graphics objects as
the collage; and

wherein arranging the content objects as the three-
dimensional collage comprises positioning the content objects
on the three-dimensional graphics objects.

20 23. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the range
comprises a time range and the divisions of the range comprise
time slices.

24. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the three-dimensional graphics objects are arranged according to a straight-on layout arrangement, a staggered layout arrangement, and a side-by-side layout arrangement.

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25. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:

the processor executes instructions to receive a layout arrangement control parameter; and

the three-dimensional graphics objects are arranged in accordance with the layout arrangement control parameter.

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26. The apparatus of claim 22, wherein at least one of the three-dimensional graphics objects includes an audio component.

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27. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the processor executes instructions to:

create a three-dimensional graphics environment for the three-dimensional collage.

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28. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the three-dimensional collage comprises an electronic program guide that identifies shows that are broadcast at specified times.

29. An apparatus comprising:

a memory that stores executable instructions; and

a processor that executes the instructions to:

5 receive control parameters;

 create content objects in accordance with at least
one of the control parameters;

 create three-dimensional graphics objects in
accordance with at least one of the control parameters;

10 arrange the three-dimensional graphics objects in
accordance with at least one of the control parameters;
and

 position the content objects on the three-
dimensional graphics objects.

15 30. The apparatus of claim 19, wherein the control
parameters comprise parameters that identify electronic
content for the content objects, identify a range and
divisions to the range for the three-dimensional graphics
20 objects, and a layout arrangement for the three-dimensional
graphics objects.